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11. On November 26, we provided the background information contained ref A on U.S.-Russia discussion on the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) treaty and missile defense (MD) to MFA Arms Control Counselor Rustam Rustamov and Attache Katerina Bila. (We had originally scheduled a meeting with Arms Control Director Volodymyr Belashov, our primary interlocutor on the topics, but he was unavailable due to a last-minute requirement to attend a meeting with the Foreign Minister.) Rustamov, who sat in on an earlier meeting (ref B), thanked us, noting that Ukrainian officials found our background information to be invaluable.

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